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Howard,

I guess I would like to weigh in on the side of those who liked the original format. With regard to content, I feel that you are off the mark in two major areas.

I felt that a majority of the committee expressed concerns about continuing a focus on conservation and renewables for the bulk of new "supply". I know those of us from the utility industry were concerned with costs and the ability of rate payers to foot the bill for all the infrastructure needs on the horizon. With the current economic climate I don't think the State can afford to rely on conservation and renewables in the near term to supply a major chunk of new energy supply even though it may be "cost-effective" in the long term.

The second issue I have is with the language dealing with market forces and competition. Again, I thought a majority of the comments supported focusing on the customer rather than promoting markets and competition. Nowhere in your revised principles is there a statement that expresses a need to promote benefits to the end use customer.

I have a few other minor comments but they are somewhat dependent on the format we ultimately use so I will wait to add those until it is decided whether to go with your new format or the original.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Bob Titus